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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 and 13-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11-13 have been amended. Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fischell et al, US 6,360,122 B1 ("Fischell").

Claims 1-11: Fischell teaches an implantable "system" 10 (see fig. 2), comprising:

a "logic circuit" 50 adapted for implantation within a living organism and configured to perform analog to digital conversions of received analog bioelectric signals;

a "interface" 30 configured to receive an analog bioelectric signals from implanted electrodes 15;

a "signal sampling circuit" 34 operatively coupled to receive the analog signal from the interface and capable of generating a 1-bit output signal associated with the analog signal;

a “transceiver” 60 to communicate an output signal or data over a “wireless link” 72;

a “external signal processing system” 11;

an implantable “common matrix” 20 including the logic circuit 50, the sampling circuit 34, and the transceiver 60;

a “power distribution means” 90 receiving power from a “wireless link” 72 (see col. 12, lines 57-67);

a “capacitor circuit” 610 coupled to an “antenna” 630;

a “integrated circuit” or a “VLSI” circuit (see col. 14, lines 62-67);

a “signal amplification component” 32; and

a “electrical winding” (external coil) (see col. 12, lines 59-62).

Claims 13-20: Fischell teaches the subject matter of the method as claimed as the method using the implantable system 10.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claim 12 is allowed.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:


Claim 12: The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest an organism containment cage, the electrical winding disposed in proximity to the organism containment cage to generate an electromagnetic field within the organism containment responsive to the controlled flow of electrical current from the electrical power source.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Navin Natnithithadha whose telephone number is (571) 272-4732. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II, can be reached on (571) 272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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